PROCEDURE #51: URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Prepare label for specimen with appropriate information and place it on specimen container, not the lid.	2. Label contains resident's identifying information which is essential for the laboratory. Label should be placed on the specimen container in the event the lid is misplaced or thrown away.
3. Put on gloves.	3. Protects you from contamination by bodily fluids.
 4. Assist resident to bathroom or commode, or offer bedpan or urinal. 5. Provide next care to the resident. 	5. To ensure area is clean and free of
5. Provide peri-care to the resident	possible contamination of the specimen.
6. Ask resident to void into the urine hat placed on the toilet, or to urinate in the bedpan. Ask the resident not to put toilet paper with the sample.	6. A clean collection device is necessary for accurate lab evaluation. Toilet paper will contaminate the urine and produce an inaccurate result.
7. After urination, assist the resident as necessary with perineal care and to wash the resident's hands. Change your gloves and wash your hands.	
8. Take bedpan, urinal, and commode pail to bathroom and pour urine in to the specimen container. The container should be at least half full.	
9. Cover the urine container with its lid.Do not touch the inside of the container. Wipe off the outside with a paper towel.	
10. Place the specimen container in the bag supplied by the lab for transport.	
 11. Discard excess urine in bedpan or urinal; clean and disinfect equipment as per facility policy. 12. Do final steps. 	
12. 20 milli stops.	

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PROCEDURE #52: STOOL SPECIMEN COLLECTION	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Prepare label for specimen with	2. Label contains resident's identifying
appropriate information and place it	information which is essential for the
on specimen container, not the lid.	laboratory. Label should be placed on the
	specimen container in the event the lid is
	misplaced or thrown away.
3. Put on gloves.	3. Protects you from contamination by
	bodily fluids.
4. When the resident is ready to move	4. A clean collection device is necessary
bowels, ask him/her not to urinate at	for accurate lab evaluation. Urine
the same time. Ask the resident not to	contaminated stool will produce an
put toilet paper with the sample.	inaccurate result.
5. Provide the resident with a bedpan,	
assisting if needed.	
6. After the bowel movement, assist as	
needed with perineal care.	
7. Remove gloves, wash hands and put	
on clean gloves.	
8. Using two tongue blades, take about	8. In order to ensure adequate amount of
two tablespoons of stool and put in the	stool for test ordered. Obtaining material
container. Try to collect material	from different areas ensures that all
from different areas of the stool.	possible contents will be identified.
9. Cover the container with lid. Label as	
directed per facility policy and	
procedure and place in the plastic bag	
supplied by the lab for transport.	
Dispose of remaining stool; clean and	
disinfect equipment as per facility	
policy. Notify nurse of collection.	
10. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #53: APPLICATION OF INCONTINENT BRIEF	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Put on gloves.	
3. Provide the resident privacy.	3. Privacy
4. Unfasten and remove brief resident is	4. Residents should have soiled briefs
currently wearing and place in small	removed promptly to decrease risk of skin
plastic trash bag for disposal in soiled	breakdown.
utility bag.	
5. Provide perineal care as indicated.	5. Prevents infection, odor, and skin
	breakdown; improves resident's comfort.
6. Wash hands and change gloves.	
7. Place back of brief under resident's	7. Plastic may cause irritation of the
hips, plastic side of disposable brief	resident's skin.
away from resident's skin.	
8. Bring front of brief between resident's	
legs and up to his/her waist.	
9. Fasten each side of brief and adjust	9. Adjusting brief to a snug fit will prevent
fit.	leakage.
10. Apply resident's clothing	
11. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #54:	UNOCCUPIED BED
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps	
2. Collect clean linen in order of use.	2. Organizing linen allows procedure to be completed faster.
3. Carry linen away from your uniform	3. If linen touches your uniform, it becomes contaminated.
4. Place linen on clean surface (bedside stand, over bed table or back of chair).	4. Prevents contamination of linen.
5. Place bed in flat position.	5. Allows you to make a neat, wrinkle free bed.
6. Loosen soiled linen. Roll linen from	6. Always work from cleanest (head of
head to foot of bed and place in barrel	bed) to dirtiest (foot of bed) to prevent
at door or room or in bag and place at	spread of infection. Rolling dirtiest surface
foot of bed or chair.	of linen inward, lessening contamination.
7. Fanfold bottom sheet to center of bed	
and fit corners.	
8. Fanfold top sheet to center of bed.	
9. Fanfold blanket over top sheet.	
10. Tuck top linen under foot of mattress	10. Mitering prevents resident's feet from
and miter corner.	being restricted by or tangled in linen when getting in or out of bed.
11. Move to other side of bed.	11. Completing one side of bed at a time
	allows procedure to be completed faster
	and reduces strain on the caregiver.
12. Fit corners of bottom sheet, unfold top	
linen, tuck it under foot of mattress,	
and miter corner.	
13. Fold top of sheet over blanket to make	
cuff.	
14. With one hand, grasp the clean pillow	
case at the closed end, turning it	
inside out over your arm.	

15. Using the same hand that has the pillow	
case over it, grasp one narrow edge of	
the pillow and pull the pillow case over	
it with your free hand.	
16. Place the pillow at head of bed with	
open edge away from the door.	
17. <u>For open bed</u> : make toe pleat and	17. Top edge of top linen must be closest to
fanfold top linen to foot of bed with	head of bed so resident can easily reach
top edge closest to center of bed.	covers.
18. <u>For closed bed</u> : pull bedspread over	18. Toe pleat automatically reduces
pillow and tuck bedspread under	pressure of top linen on feet when resident
lower edge of pillow. Make toe pleat.	returns to bed.
19. Removed soiled linens.	19. Prevents contamination.
20. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #55: OCCUPIED BED	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps	
2. Collect clean linen in order of use.	2. Organizing linen allows procedure to be
	completed faster
3. Carry linen away from your uniform	3. If linen touches your uniform, it
	becomes contaminated.
4. Place linen on clean surface (bedside	4. Prevents contamination of linen.
stand, over bed table or back of	
chair).	
5. Lower head of bed and adjust bed to a	5. When bed is flat, resident can be moved
safe working level, usually waist high.	without working against gravity.
Lock bed wheels.	
6. Drape the resident	
7. The caregiver will make the bed one	
side at a time. The caregiver will raise	
the side rail on far side of bed (if rail	
not in use, ensure there is a second	
caregiver on the opposite side of the	
bed to ensure that the resident does	
not roll over the side of bed). Assist	
resident to turn onto side moving	
away from you toward raised side rail	
(or second caregiver).	
8. Loosen bottom soiled linen on the side	
of bed on which you are working. 9. Roll bottom soiled linen toward	9. Rolling puts dirtiest surface of linen
resident and tuck it snuggly against the resident's back.	inward, lessening contamination. The closer the linen is rolled to resident, the
the resident 5 back.	easier it is to remove from the other side.
10. Place clean bottom linen on	casier it is to remove from the other side.
unoccupied side of bed and roll	
remaining clean linen under resident	
in the center of the bed.	
In the center of the bed. 11. Smooth bottom sheet out and ensure	
11. Smooth bottom sheet out and elisure	

there are no wrinkles. Roll all extra	
material toward resident and tuck it	
under the resident's body.	
12. Raise the side rail nearest you (or	
remain in place if a second caregiver	
is being utilized) and assist the	
resident to turn onto clean bottom	
sheet. Move to opposite side of bed,	
as resident will now be facing away	
from you.	
13. While resident is lying on side, loosen	13. Always work from cleanest (head of
soiled linen and roll linen from head	bed) to dirtiest (foot of bed) to prevent
to foot of bed, avoiding contact with	spread of infection. Rolling dirtiest surface
your skin or clothing.	of linen inward, lessening contamination.
14. Place soiled linen in barrel or bag at	
foot of bed or in chair.	
15. Pull clean bottom linen as was done	
on the opposite side.	
16. Assist resident to roll onto back,	
keeping resident covered and	
comfortable.	
17. Unfold the top sheet placing it over	17. Maintains resident's dignity and right
the resident. Request the resident to	to privacy by not exposing body.
hold the clean top sheet. While	
slipping the bath blanket or previous	
sheet out from underneath the clean	
sheet.	
18. Assist resident with blanket over the	18. Mitering prevents resident's feet from
top sheet and tuck the bottom edges of	being restricted by or tangled in linen when
the top sheet and blanket under the	getting in or out of bed. Prevents pressure
bottom of the mattress. Miter the	on feet which can cause pressure sores.
corners and loosen the top linens over	
the resident's feet.	
19. Remove pillow and remove the soiled	
pillow case by turning it inside out.	
20. With one hand, grasp the clean pillow	
case at the closed end, turning it	
inside out over your arm.	
21. Using the same hand that has the pillow	21. Prevents contamination.
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	case over it, grasp one narrow edge of	
	the pillow and pull the pillow case over	
	it with your free hand.	
22.	Place the pillow under resident's head	
	with open edge away from the door.	
23.	Assist resident to comfortable position	
	and return the bed to the appropriate	
	position.	
24.	Removed soiled linens from room –	
	carrying away from uniform.	
25.	Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #56: THICKENED LIQUIDS	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Obtain thickener and measuring	2. Measuring spoon is required to ensure
spoon.	proper amount of thickener is utilized to
	obtain ordered thickness.
3. Thicken liquids to desired consistency	3. Physician will specify thickness.
following manufacturer's instructions.	Various brands of thickener require
	different amounts of product to be added.
4. Offer thickened fluid to resident.	4. Decreases risk of resident becoming
Encourage resident to consume	dehydrated.
thickened fluids.	
5. Ensure the water pitcher has been	5. Resident may attempt to drink liquids
removed from the bedside unless	that have not been thickened which will
facility policy states otherwise.	increase risk of choking.
6. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #57: PASSING FRESH ICE WATER	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Obtain cart, ice container, ice scoop	
and go to ice machine. Keep ice scoop	
covered.	
3. Fill container with ice using ice scoop.	
4. Replace ice scoop in proper covered	4. Keeping the ice scoop covered maintains
container, or cover it with a clean	infection control practices.
towel or plastic bag to prevent	
contamination.	
5. Proceed to resident rooms, noting any	5. Residents who require a fluid restriction
fluid restriction(s) prior to pass and	or thickened liquids should not have a
any residents who require thickened	water pitcher placed at the bedside unless
liquids.	facility policy states differently.
6. Empty water from pitcher and	6. Emptying the pitcher of old water will
bedside glass into the sink. If resident	allow you to fill it with ice and fresh water.
is on I&O's – record intake of water.	Emptying the glass will allow you to fill it
	with fresh water.
7. Take pitcher into hall and fill it with	7. The ice scoop is utilized for all residents
ice. NOTE: Do not touch the pitcher	thus should not be contaminated by
with the ice scoop.	touching a water pitcher.
8. Replace the scoop in covered	8. Maintains infection control practices.
container, clean towel or plastic bag	
between rooms to prevent	
contamination.	
9. Return to resident's room and fill	9. Ensures that resident has fresh ice water
pitcher with water at bathroom sink,	in pitcher.
not allowing pitcher to touch faucet.	
10. Pour fresh water into bedside glass	10. Ensures that water is available and
and leave a straw with the glass, if	ready for resident when he/she desires it.
needed.	
11. Offer the resident a drink of fresh	11. Resident may be unable to
water if resident is present.	independently obtain a drink of water.
12. Repeat procedure until all residents	12. Ensures that all residents receive fresh
have been provided with fresh ice	ice water.
water.	
13. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #58: FEEDING	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Confirm diet card/tray. Check name,	2. This will ensure that the resident is being
diet, utensils and condiments.	served the diet as ordered; at the
	appropriate consistency.
3. Explain procedure.	
4. Have resident wash hands, help the	4. Provides good hygiene in preparation for
resident if needed.	meal consumption.
5. Sit on unaffected side eye level with	5. Encourages interaction with the resident
resident and facing them.	and placement of spoon at an appropriate
	angle.
6. Resident's head should be elevated at	6. Places resident at an angle to promote
least 45 degrees, if in bed.	swallowing and reduce risk of choking.
7. Protect the resident's clothing with a	7. Use of a napkin or clothing protector (if
clothing protector or per facility	resident desires) preserves dignity by
policy and procedures.	keeping clothing clean and free of spillage.
8. Offer different foods; ask resident's	8. Involving the resident encourages
preference.	consumption.
9. Food should be in bite sized pieces or	9. Reduces risk of choking.
with the spoon half full. Food should	
be fed to the unaffected side of the	
mouth.	
10. Allow time for resident to chew and	10. Reduces risk of choking.
empty mouth between bites. Notify	
nurse immediately should choking	
occur.	
11. Frequently offer beverage. If	11. Encourages swallowing.
required, measure I&O's and	
percentage of food eaten.	
12. Make conversation with the resident;	12. Enhances meal experience, thus
atmosphere should be pleasant.	encourages consumption.
13. Cleanse the resident's hands/face as	13. Promotes good hygiene.
needed during the meal and after.	
14. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #59: ASSIST TO EAT	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Confirm diet card/tray. Check name,	2. This will ensure that the resident is being
diet, utensils and condiments.	served the diet as ordered; at the
	appropriate consistency.
3. Confirm any adaptive equipment is	3. Provision of adaptive equipment will
present, if indicated.	encourage resident participation.
4. Assist to protect the resident's	4. Use of a napkin or clothing protector (if
clothing, if desired.	resident desires) preserves dignity by
	keeping clothing clean and free of spillage.
5. Assist to open carton(s), arrange food	5. The resident may have limited hand
items within reach, season foods per	dexterity and/or weakness, making it
resident preference, etc.	difficult to open cartons/containers.
6. Offer assistance if resident appears to	6. Residents may refrain from "asking" for
be having difficulty during meal.	assistance, thus, staff should be pro-active
	in observing the need for assistance and
	offer the same.
7. Offer to assist in cleansing resident's	7. Promotes good hygiene.
hands/face following the meal.	
8. Assist resident to room or location of	
choice.	
9. Do final steps. Measure I&O's if	
required.	

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PROCEDURE #60: INSPECTING SKIN	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Provide the resident privacy.	2. Maintains resident's dignity and right to
	privacy by not exposing body. Keeps
	resident warm.
3. Check bony areas including ears,	3. Redness and warmth indicates that the
shoulder blades, elbows, coccyx, hips,	skin is under pressure and position should
knees, ankles and heels for redness	be changed more frequently.
and warmth.	
4. Check friction areas including under	4. Pressure, rubbing and perspiration will
breasts and arms, between buttocks,	cause skin to break down.
groin, thighs, skin folds, contracted	
areas, and around any tubing for	
redness, irritation, moisture and odor.	
5. Undrape resident.	
6. Report any unusual findings to the	6. Provides nurse with necessary
nurse immediately.	information to properly assess resident's
	condition and needs.
7. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #61: FLOAT HEELS	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Lift resident's lower extremity.	
3. Inspect the skin, especially the heels.	3. To identify any potential skin
	problems/breakdown.
4. Place a full pillow under calves,	3. Placing the pillow directly under the
leaving heels in the air and free from	heels can increase pressure on heels.
pressure. (Do not use rolled pillows	
or blankets.)	
5. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #62: BED CRADLE	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Place bed cradle on bed according to manufacturer's instructions.	2. If equipment is not applied according to manufacturer's instructions, discomfort or injury could result.
3. Cover bed cradle with top sheet and bedspread/blanket.	3. Keeps the top linens from applying pressure/weight to toes, feet and lower legs.
4. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #63: PASSIVE RANGE OF MOTION	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Position resident in good body	2. Reduces stress to joints.
alignment.	
3. Observe joints. If swelling, redness or	3. Indicates inflammation in joint which
warmth is present, or if resident	can be worsened if procedure is continued.
complains of pain, notify nurse.	
Continue procedure only if instructed.	
4. Support limb above and below joint.	
5. Begin range of motion at shoulders	5. Allows you to control joint movement
and include the shoulders, elbows,	and minimize resident's discomfort.
wrists, thumbs, fingers, hips, knees,	
ankles and toes.	
6. Slowly move joint in all directions it	6. Rapid movement may cause injury.
normally moves.	
7. Repeat movement at least five times.	7. Ensures benefit from procedure.
8. Encourage resident to participate as	8. Promotes resident's independence and
much as possible.	self-esteem.
9. Stop procedure at any sign of pain	9. Pain is a warning sign for injury.
and report to nurse immediately.	
10. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #64: SPLINT APPLICATION	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Observe affected joints. If swelling,	2. Indicates inflammation in joint which
redness, or warmth is present or if	can be worsened if splint is applied.
resident complains of pain, notify	
nurse. Continue procedure only if	
instructed.	
3. Apply splint according to therapy	3. Application of splint not in accordance
recommendation and physician's	with therapy recommendation could cause
order.	injury or discomfort to resident.
4. Remove splint after designated period	4. Indicates inflammation in joint.
of time. Cleanse the skin, dry	Notifying nurse provides him/her with
thoroughly and again observe for	information to assess resident's condition
swelling, redness, warmth, complaint	and needs.
of pain or open area. Notify the nurse	
if present.	
5. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #65: ABDOMINAL BINDER	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Check the skin for redness, open	2. Allows you to identify early signs of
areas, or needed incontinence care.	skin breakdown and the need for cleansing
	prior to binder application.
3. Place binder flat on the bed and ask	3. A binder placed above the waist
resident to lie down with upper	interferes with breathing; one placed too
border at the upper waist and lower	low interferes with elimination and
border at the level of the gluteal fold.	walking.
If resident is in bed, assist him/her to	
roll side-to-side while placing binder	
underneath him/her in the same	
position.	
4. Bring the ends of binder around the	4. A snug fit provides maximum support.
resident, and overlap them.	If the binder is too loose, efficacy is
Beginning at the bottom of the binder,	impaired. If it is too tight, resident may be
secure the Velcro fastener strip so	uncomfortable.
that the binder fits snugly.	
5. Ensure that there are no wrinkles or	5. Wrinkles and creases put pressure on the
creases in the binder.	skin increasing the risk for excoriation.
6. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #66: ABDUCTION PILLOW	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Place the pillow between the supine	
resident's legs. Slide it with the	
narrow end pointing toward the groin	
until it touches the legs all along its	
length.	
3. Place the upper part of both legs in	3. Securing the straps prevents the pillow
the pillow's indentations. Raise each	from slipping out of place.
leg slightly by lifting under the knee	
and ankle to bring straps under and	
around leg and then secure the straps	
to the pillow.	
4. Do final steps.	
5. Report resident intolerance or	5. Provides nurse with information to
complaint of pain upon application to	assess resident's condition and needs.
the nurse.	

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PROCEDURE #67: KNEE IMMOBILIZER	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
 2. With resident lying supine in bed, one caregiver will support the leg above the knee and at the ankle and lift the leg in one motion, providing enough height for a second caregiver to place the immobilizer under the affected leg. Check skin prior to applying the immobilizer. 3. The caregiver will lower the leg into the open immobilizer, keeping the leg 	2. It is important to maintain the leg in a straight position while placing the immobilizer and to monitor for any skin problems/breakdown.
 straight. 4. Pull both sides of the immobilizer to center of front of leg and wrap one side over the other, securing the Velcro strip holding the immobilizer in place. Make sure the Velcro stabilizer bar strips are attached to opposite sides of the immobilizer to prevent any motion of the knee medially or laterally. 	
5. Bring straps around each side and secure to stabilize the immobilizer.	
6. When removing the immobilizer for bathing/care, support the leg in the same manner, keeping the leg straight at all times. Observe for any reddened areas, particularly at the upper and lower edge of the	6. Constant contact with the edge of the immobilizer can place the skin at risk of breakdown. Early detection of any concern can prevent further breakdown.
 imper and lower edge of the immobilizer, which is in contact with the resident's skin. 7. Report to the nurse any skin irritation, open area, or complaint of pain. 8. Do final steps. 	7. Reporting to the nurse will ensure that treatment is obtained, if needed.

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PROCEDURE #68: PALM CONES	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Cleanse and thoroughly dry resident	2. Cleansing and drying of hands prevents
hand.	odor and infection.
3. Place cone with clean cover in	
resident palm.	
4. Observe hand(s) every shift; cleanse	3. Allows you to identify early signs of
and thoroughly dry hands. Observe	skin breakdown.
for areas of redness, swelling or open	
areas and report to the nurse, if noted.	
5. Note covering of palm cone and send	4. Maintaining cleanliness enhances
to laundry when soiled, re-covering	resident's dignity.
cone with a clean covering, as needed.	
6. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #69: NASAL CANNULA CARE	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Put on gloves.	2. Protects you from contamination by
	bodily fluids.
3. Remove nasal cannula and clean	3. Removes any accumulation of dried
nostrils with a soft cloth or tissue once	drainage that may be present.
each shift or as needed.	
4. Note any redness or irritation of the	4. Provides nurse with necessary
nares or behind the ears and notify	information to properly assess resident's
nurse if present. Continue procedure	condition and needs.
only if instructed.	
5. Replace nasal cannula. Do not cinch	5. Nasal cannula too tight can cause
side up too tightly	discomfort.
6. Remove gloves.	
7. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #70: ASSISTING WITH HEARING AIDS	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Gently clean resident's ear with a	2. To ensure ears are clean prior to
damp washcloth. Clean hearing aid of	insertion of hearing aids, thus ensuring
wax and dirt when needed according	maximum acuity.
to manufacturer's instructions	
3. Insert hearing aid into resident's ear.	
4. Assist to adjust the volume control to	4. To ensure that aid is turned up high
a desired level.	enough for resident to hear, but not so high
	that noises will hurt resident's ear(s).
5. Do final steps.	
6. Report any abnormalities to nurse.	6. Provides nurse with necessary
	information to properly assess resident's
	condition and needs.
7. Keep hearing aid in safe place when not	
in use.	

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PROCEDURE #71: ELASTIC/COMPRESSION STOCKING APPLICATION OR	
TED HOSE	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Observe skin prior to applying the	2. Provides nurse with information to
stockings for any redness, warmth,	assess resident's condition and needs.
swelling, excessive dryness, or open	
area. Notify nurse if abnormalities	
present. Continue procedure only if	
instructed.	
3. Apply the hose before resident gets	3. Hose should be applied before veins
out of bed.	become distended and edema (swelling)
	occurs.
4. Hold heel of stocking and gather the	
rest in your hand turning hose inside	
out to mid foot area.	
5. Support foot at the heel and slip the	
front of the stocking over the toes,	
foot and heel.	
6. Pull the stocking up until it is fully	
extended.	
7. Smooth away any wrinkles or twisted	7. Wrinkles, creases, or twisted areas can
areas.	irritate the skin and interfere with
	circulation.
8. Remove the hose at least twice daily	8. Allows you to identify early signs of
for skin care unless otherwise	skin break down.
indicated by physician.	
9. Do final steps.	

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PROCEDURE #72: POST MORTEM CARE	
STEP	RATIONALE
1. Do initial steps.	
2. Put on gloves.	2. Protects you from contamination by bodily fluids.
3. Respect the family's religious	3. Residents/families have the right to
restrictions regarding the care of	freedom of religion.
body, if applicable.	
4. Assist roommate to leave the area	4. Reduces the roommates stress.
until body is prepared and removed, if	
applicable.	
5. Place body in supine position.	5. Prepares body for procedure.
6. Place one pillow beneath resident's	6. Prevents blood from discoloring the face
head.	by settling in it.
7. Close the eyes.	
8. Insert dentures, if this is the facility	8. It is easier to put dentures in the mouth
policy, and close the mouth.	right away and gives the face a natural
	appearance.
9. Cleanse body as necessary. Comb	9. Prepares the body for viewing by family
hair.	and friends.
10. Place a pad under the buttocks to	10. Due to total loss of muscle tone, urine
collect any drainage.	and/or stool may drain from the body even
	after death.
11. Put a clean hospital gown on resident	
and place body in a comfortable	
looking position to allow family and	
friends to view the body.	
12. Remove gloves.	
13. Do final steps.	
14. After the mortuary has removed the	
body, strip the bed and clean the room	
according to facility policy.	

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Answers to Review Questions

Lesson 1

- 1. The licensed nurse
- 2. An objective observation is factually seen, heard, felt or smelled by the person reporting; a subjective observation is what one "thinks" or "heard" happened from someone else.
- 3. Time to get dressed in the morning; whether to shower or bathe in a tub; what time to go to bed in the evening.

Lesson 2

- 1. Examine survey results, voice grievances, self administer medications
- 2. The caregiver must immediately report signs/symptoms of abuse, neglect or misappropriation
- 3. Verbal, physical, emotional/ mental, sexual, neglect, involuntary seclusion, misappropriation
- 4. Leaving a resident in bed soiled. Leaving the call light or water out of resident reach
- 5. Using a resident's personal telephone to make calls. Taking a resident's money or personal belongings.
- 6. Report it immediately. Follow your facility's policies and procedures for reporting abuse

Lesson 3

- 1. Causative Agent, Reservoir, Portal of Exit, Mode of Transmission, Portal of Entry, Susceptible Host
- 2. Hand washing
- 3. Before resident/patient contact, before aseptic task, after exposure to blood/body fluids, after resident/patient contact, after contact with resident/patient surroundings
- 4. Proper usage will provide a barrier between the caregiver and the pathogen, thus, preventing the spread of infection

Lesson 4

- 1. Touching an infected person and then proceeding to touch another person without washing one's hands
- 2. Touching a contaminated object and then proceeding to touch a person without washing one's hands.
- 3. No

- 1. Clutching the throat
- 2. MSDS Material Safety Data Sheet
- 3. Call for nurse and stay with resident, assist the nurse with positioning the resident on

his/her side, place padding under head and move furniture away from resident, do not restrain resident or place anything in mouth, loosen resident's clothing, especially around the neck, after the seizure stops, assist nurse to check for injury, note duration of seizures and areas involved.

Lesson 6

- 1. **R**emove residents from area of immediate danger; Activate the fire alarm; Contain the fire, if possible (close doors); Extinguish, if possible.
- 2. **P**ull the pin; **A**im at the base of the fire; **S**queeze the handle; **S**weep back and forth at the base of the fire
- 3. Stop, drop and roll to smother the flames

Lesson 7

- 1. 60 100 beats per minute
- 2. The average BP range for adults is systolic blood pressure: <u>100-139</u>; Normal range for Diastolic blood pressure is <u>60-89</u> however, it depends on the individual.
- 3. Place your hand on the resident's chest and feel the chest rise and fall during breathing

Lesson 8

- 1. The resident's shoulders are directly above their hips; their head and neck are straight; their arms and legs are in a natural position
- 2. Supine, Lateral, Fowler's and Semi-Fowler's
- 3. Semi-Fowler's
- 4. Less
- 5. False

Lesson 9

1. False

Lesson 10

1. Female: Separate labia; wash urethral area first; wash between and outside labia in downward strokes, alternating from side to side and moving outward to thighs. Use a different part of washcloth for each stroke.

Male: Pull back foreskin if male is uncircumcised. Wash and rinse the tip of the penis using circular motion beginning with urethra. Continue washing down the penis to the scrotum and inner thighs

Rationale/Importance: Prevents the spread of infection by washing pathogens <u>away from</u> the urethra and not toward the urethra where pathogens could enter.

Lesson 11

- 1. Irritation, raised areas, coated or swollen tongue, sores, complaint of mouth pain, white spots, loose/chipped or decayed teeth
- 2. Due to poor circulation, even a small sore on the foot can become a large wound

Lesson 12

- 1. A clean catch mid-stream requires that genitalia be cleansed prior to collecting the urine specimen.
- 2. True

Lesson 13

- 1. Calendar, clock, familiar pictures, visual cues
- 2. True

Lesson 14

- 1. Dry mouth, weight loss, foul smelling urine, dark urine, cracked lips and sunken eyes
- 2. Water
- 3. Nectar thick, honey thick, pudding thick
- 4. True

Lesson 15

- 1. True
- 2. True
- 3. True

Lesson 16

- 1. True
- 2. At least once every hour and more frequently if the resident's condition requires
- 3. At least every two hours, or more often if necessary except when the resident is asleep

Lesson 17

- 1. Active range of motion exercises are done by the resident himself; Passive range of motion exercises are done by caregivers providing support and moving the resident's joints through the range of motion when the resident cannot move on their own.
- 2. Contractures
- 3. Restorative Services

- 1. False
- 2. True
- 3. True

Lesson 19

- 1. redness, warmth, tenderness, open area
- 2. True
- 3. True

Lesson 20

- Change in vital signs B/P, pulse, respiration, nausea, vomiting, sweating, tearful or frowning, sighing, moaning or groaning, breathing heavy or shortness of breath, restless or having difficulty moving, holding or rubbing a body part, tightening jaw or grinding teeth
- 2. Medication administration, such as antibiotics, nutrition administration, hydration, blood products, solutions are administered by gravity or through a portable pump
- 3. Fear of addiction to pain medication, feeling caregivers are too busy to deal with pain, fear pain medication will cause other problems, i.e., drowsiness, sleepiness, constipation

Lesson 21

- 1. A delusion a fixed, false belief.
- 2. An elopement
- 3. Validation Therapy
- 4. Sundowning

Lesson 22

- 1. Immediately
- 2. Remain calm, step out of the way, remove other residents, never strike back or respond verbally, leave the resident alone to calm down (if safe) and report the behaviors to the nurse immediately.

Lesson 23

- 1. True
- 2. False

Lesson 24

- 1. True
- 2. True

- 1. cold/clammy skin, double or blurry vision, shaking/trembling, hunger, tingling or numbness of skin
- 2. True

Lesson 26

- 1. True
- 2. True

Lesson 27

- 1. Prepare the room for the resident's arrival; introduce self to resident and family/responsible party and explain role; explain surroundings to resident, including use of call light to summon help, if needed; create a trusting relationship; be available to family; become a resource and support for the family; refer family members requesting information about a resident to the nurse.
- 2. Personal inventory record.

Lesson 28

- 1. Cyanosis
- 2. True

Lesson 29

- 1. Draw a single line through the error, print word "error" above entry and initial and date the correction.
- 2. Report any resident condition that will need the attention of the oncoming shift (e.g., resident is on the bedpan, etc.)

- 1. Exhibiting anger toward co-workers and/or residents; arguing with a supervisor or coworkers about assignments; complaining about responsibilities; feeling tired, even when you are well rested; difficulty focusing on residents and job duties.
- 2. The CNA must work for a healthcare provider at least one eight hour shift every twenty-four months.